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U.P. DISCHARGED PRISONERS' AID SOCIETY.

No.41/P-1/3. Old Post Office Building
Lucknow
3th November, 1949.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department Police, MADRAS.

Dear Sir,

I have great pleasure in informing you that the U.P. Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society has decided to convene an All India Penological Conference at an early date in Lucknow. A similar conference was held in Bombay in February 1940. It was convened by the Founder President of our Society the Late Shri Gopi Nath Srivastava and was inaugurated by Sir Maurice Gwyer, the then Chief Justice of India and was presided over by Shri K.M.Munshi, Ex-Home Minister Government of Bombay. An attempt was made by that conference to study the problem of crime, its prevention, control, detection and investigation and treatment and reformation of offenders, juvenile delinquents and criminals and rehabilitation of discharged prisoners by modern psychological and scientific methods. It brought on a common platform judges, police and prison administrators sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, probation officers, social workers interested in juvenile delinquents and, as a result of their collective wisdom, arrived at several outstanding decisions for the improvement of the state and non-official machinery for combatting crime. Several Provincial and State Governments were officially represented in the Conference. The outcome of the conference was the formation ~~of~~ of an All India Penal Reform League with branches in all provinces to popularise and carry out the decisions of the Conference.

Unfortunately times were not propitious for such an endeavour. The second world war which had broken out, grew in intensity and cast its shadows on India. Civil liberties were suppressed, congress was outlawed, our leaders arrested and imprisoned, and the country suffered the misrule of the Advisers' Regime and the result was that all nation-building activities were neglected. After the achievement of Independence the country was faced with more urgent and important problems and so unfortunately no attention could be paid to the problem of crime and criminals. Due to this neglect in handling this problem, crime has increased all over the country juvenile delinquents are multiplying rapidly and joining the army of criminals and causing great hardship, insecurity and sense of dread and fear to the general public and diverting states attention, time, energy and money in suppressing crime, all of which could be more profitably utilized in nation building activities. It is high time that this problem be reviewed and reconsidered and plans and measures devised by the best brains of our country to control and prevent crime and reform offenders.

Our Society which has been engaged in the work of prevention of crime, and reformation of offenders for over 12 years, and having the blessing of its distinguished Founder President, Shri Gopi Nath Srivastava, who first convened such conference, and who unfortunately expired only last month, and having the patronage of the U.P.Government who have been pleased to give us a grant-in-aid for this conference and emboldened by the response it has received from similar other organisations from all parts of the country, has decided to convene this conference.

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The Society has extended an invitation to the Hon'ble Justice Shri H.J.Kania, Chief Justice of India, to ~~x~~ inaugurate the conference and his acceptance is awaited. You will be glad to hear that the Hon'ble Shri Lal Bahadurji Shastri, Minister for Police and Transport U.P.Government has been pleased to accept our invitation to preside over the deliberations of Conference. A tentative programme of the conference is being sent to you herewith. The Society is anxious to convene the Conference either in December 1949 or January 1950 and the final date will be fixed in consultation with the Chief Justice of India. The Conference will ~~xx~~ divide itself into the four following sections:

1 Police.
2 Prison.
3 Probation and Juvenile delinquency.
4 Law

and there will be sectional conferences which will deliberate over problems concerning their respective sections. Papers are also expected to be read in these sectional conferences. Invitations are being issued to the Government of India, all Provincial and States Government to send their official representatives to attend this Conference as official delegates. Similarly invitations have also been issued to non-official institutions and societies to send their representatives to attend this conference. Prominent persons who are interested in the problem of crime control and reformation of offenders are also being invited and it is hoped that the Conference will be a great success and will be able to focus public attention to the problem of crime and criminals and devise ways and means to combat it. The delegate fee is Rs.10/- per person and each department of Government and non-official bodies can send upto three representatives as delegates on payment of Rs.25/- as delegate fee.

On behalf of our Society, I am directed to ~~xxxxx~~ extend a sincere invitation to your Government and I hope your Government will nominate its official representatives to take part in the deliberations of this conference. I am also directed to request you to grant duty leave to those officers of your Government who desire to attend or take part in this conference or who desire to read papers in any of its sections.

As the time at the disposal of the conveners of this conference is rather short, an early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely.
Sd/- x
Secretary

Copy of Letter Ms.No.4994, dated the 14th December 1949, from the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Government of Madras, to the Secretary, The United Provinces Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, Old Post Office Buildings, Lucknow (Copy to the Inspector General of Prisons, Madras, with reference to the correspondence resting with his letter No.1032/S1/49, dated 23-11-1949).

All India Penological Conference - Deputation of official representatives.
Ref: Your letters No.41/P-1/3, dated 8-11-1949 and No.41/P/49-105 to 107, dated 9-12-1949.

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I am directed to say that the Madras Government have decided that it is not necessary to send any of their officers to attend the forthcoming All India Penological Conference to be held at Lucknow.

Copy of letter No.Ref.110470 C/49-2, dated 14-12-1949, from the Secretary to Government, Home Department, Government of Madras, to the Honorary Secretary, The Madras Presidency Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, Goschen Home, Mount Road, Madras. (Copy to the Inspector General of Prisons).

All India Penological Conference, Lucknow - Deputation of representatives as delegated.

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I am directed to enclose a copy of letter No.41/P-1/3, dated 8th November 1949 on the above subject, together with its enclosure, received from the Secretary, the United Provinces Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, and to say that the Government have decided not to send any of their officers as delegates to the competance. The Society however may if it so chooses send its representatives to the conference. The exact date of commencement of the competance is not yet known and may be ascertained from the Secretary, United Provinces Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, Lucknow.

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